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S E C R E T BOGOTA 5027

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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: ASEC, CASC, PINS, CO
SUBJECT: STARR KIDNAPPING: LETTER FROM FARC

REF: BOGOTA 5009

1. SORZANO MET WITH VILLAMIL THIS MORNING AND SHOWED HIM A XEROX COPY OF THE PURPORTED LETTER FROM FARC (REFTEL). VILLAMIL SAID HE THOUGHT THE LETTER WAS A FABRICATION, PARTICULARLY BECAUSE HE FELT IT WAS NOT FARC STYLE TO USE NEWSPAPER ADS FOR COMMUNICATION. HE TOLD SORZANO THAT HE WOULD MAKE SOME CHECKS AND HOPED TO BE ABLE TO TELL SORZANO ON MAY 30 OR 31 WHETHER FARC HAD SENT SUCH A LETTER.
 2. VILLAMIL ADDED THAT HE EXPECTED MANCHOLA WOULD BE BACK IN BOGOTA ANY DAY NOW. HE SAID THAT THE OPINION IN NEIVA, WHICH HE (VILLAMIL) HAD VISITED RECENTLY, WAS THAT STARR WOULD BE RELEASED SOON.
 3. IN VIEW OF VILLAMIL'S COMMENTS, WE BELIEVE THAT INTERMEDIARY NEED NOT YET TRAVEL TO BOGOTA BUT SHOULD STAND-BY PENDING FURTHER REPORT FROM VILLAMIL AND/OR OTHER SOURCES.
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